

REIMAGINING LIBRARIES

NSLA is the peak body for the ten National, State and Territory libraries of Australia and New Zealand. We work together to enable people to access, use and share local and global knowledge and ideas.

Year in Review

INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE



In 2014, NSLA:

- seed-funded the model for a global file format registry, essential for digital preservation; and partnered in an international bid for EU funding to develop the registry
- developed an options paper for collaboration in national digital infrastructure for collecting, preservation and discovery of collections online.

SUPPORTING THE SECTOR

In 2014, NSLA:

- was a partner in the INELI-Oceania program for emerging library leaders
- sponsored an award for the best use of Trove data in the annual GovHack competition
- was an industry partner in the ARC Grey Literature Project
- hosted a forum for library collection experts and independent valuers
- collaborated with colleagues in the GLAM sector and beyond, including CAARA, ADRI, Flinders University, University of Southern Queensland, First Languages Australia, AIATSIS and Australian Bureau of Statistics.

IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY



In 2014, NSLA project groups:

- collected statistics on customer enquiries, social media, and introduced a new method for collecting public library statistics in Australia
- reported on environmental management for collection storage
- issued guidelines for significance assessment and analysis of workflows for digitisation of large collections.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY

In 2014, NSLA:

- developed position statements on the use of Creative Commons and Indigenous language collections, and guidelines for working with Indigenous communities
- presented a dedicated NSLA stream at the ALIA 2014 biennial conference, and contributed to the iPRES, IFLA, LIANZA, NDF and VALA conferences
- made submissions to government for the Australian Heritage Strategy and Indigenous Knowledge and IP inquiries.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

In the 2013-2014 financial year:

- 11.8 million people visited our library buildings
- 31.3 million visits were made to our websites
- 53.8 million visits were made to online library catalogues
- 3,822 terabytes of digital collections were stored
- \$38 million was the total spend on collections
- \$5.4 billion was the asset value of our collections
- \$947 million was the asset value of our buildings/sites.

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